

New Hope
Presbyterian Church



August 24, 2014

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Welcome Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 10:30 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Preparing for worship...Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: Rick Cassetta, Rick & Tyler Etling, Ken Pinkley, Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Paul & Martha Hacker, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, given by Allen and Carolyn Rudolph. With thanks to God for these past 60 years, they are looking forward to the future with many more loving times.

Liturgist: Barbi Smith

Sound Booth: Joe Petrowsky

Last Sunday's Attendance: 181

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Welcome Table in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2014

10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to cease talking and enter a period of quiet reflection.
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

Ever-present God,
who is at the side of every creature in creation,
renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will,
what is good and acceptable and perfect. Amen.

Romans 12:2

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God 607*)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*OPENING SENTENCES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
let us present ourselves to God.

Romans 12:1, 4-5

This is our spiritual worship.

We are many members,
with many different gifts.

But in Christ we are one body.

+ *HYMN 404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

*THE CONFESSION

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.
You let the oppressed go free,
but we allow oppression to continue.**

**You give away the keys to your realm,
but we try to stand guard at the gates.
Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

PSALTER

Psalm 124, cantor

Our Help Is in the Name of God the Lord (Glory to God 330)

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12: 1-8

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ, Be Our Light (refrain) (Glory to God 314)*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

☞ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

...Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...

...Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).

“I’ve Been Wondering…”
FAQs about Worship

What is a cantor?

Strictly speaking, a cantor is a leader of song. In the Jewish synagogue, as well as in the Christian church throughout the ages, the office of cantor is a specialized ministry that serves by leading the congregation in its worship. Whereas a soloist may sing as a part of worship, a cantor more specifically leads the congregation in prayer through song. For instance, the psalms are really prayers set to music. They come to us from the Jewish tradition and the Hebrews’ experience of God in the Old Testament. In worship, the psalms serve not as a distinct scripture reading, but as a prayerful response to the first reading. We pray the psalms in a variety of ways. Sometimes the congregation sings the psalm as a metrical (hymn) setting. At other times, we sing it as a responsorial setting where the cantor sings and the congregation joins in on a refrain. Regardless, the psalms are prayers we sing and the cantor serves to lead the congregation’s singing in a more relational and directive role than simply a “soloist.” A cantor’s role is not limited to leading the psalms. The cantor also leads the congregation’s other musical prayers, regardless of whether the congregation is also singing along.

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord’s Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at www.pcusa.org/sacraments.

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Session

Fellowship
Jim Pettit (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)

Formation for Discipleship
Susan Phillips (2014)
Lauren Martinez (2014)
Deb Garten (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism
Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Neal Powers (2015)
Jim Salter (2016)

Worship, Music & the Arts
Kristin Judd (2014)
Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)

Administration & Support
Allen Sebaugh (2014)
Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)

Diaconate

2014
Kimm Besgrove
Jennifer Everly
Don Higgason
Pat Murphy
Laura Eikmann

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

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News & Opportunities

Sunday, August 24th	9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christian Formation Word & Sacrament	Various Locations Worship Space
Monday, August 25th	7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Senior High Room
Tuesday, August 26th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	A.A. Fellowship Committee	Worship Space Conference Room
Wednesday, August 27th	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Preschool Visiting Day Staff Meeting Generosity Committee Choir	Conference Room Conference Room Worship Space
Thursday, August 28th		Preschool Visiting Day	
Sunday, August 31st	9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christian Formation Word & Sacrament	Various Locations Worship Space

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule
 May 25th through August 31st
 Christian Formation ~ 9:45 am
 Word & Sacrament ~ 10:30 am

Beginning on Sunday, September 7th, New Hope will resume the following schedule:
 Word & Sacrament ~ 8:45 am
 Christian Formation ~ 9:45 am
 Word & Sacrament ~ 11:00 am

SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED

We have a great team of volunteers helping out in the sound booth on Sunday mornings, but we could use a few additional people. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Dame at mike@mikedame.net.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Today, during the 10:30 am Worship Service, we invite all students and teachers to bring their school backpacks to worship that day for the "Blessing of the Backpacks." We will be asking for God's Blessings during the new school year and the on the students and teachers going back to school.

50 K in 50 DAYS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the *50 K in 50 Days* special collection. To date, we have received \$27,822.66 towards our goal of \$50,000.00, which means we are 56% of the way there in our second week! The funds raised will be used to repair the church parking lot and playground area. Thanks again to all who have given or anticipate giving!

INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, September 14th at 12:15 p.m. for those interested in uniting with our congregation in membership. This will be a time of conversation to get to know one another better and to answer any questions you might have about New Hope. Childcare will be available for those who need it. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@newhopepc.org.

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.newhopepc.org.

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CHILDREN

Today, August 24th **August 31st**
Infant Nursery
Barb Griffith Katharine Harmon
Pre-K Nursery
Laura Eikmann Barbi Smith

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers
August 24th - Julie Nowakowski & Jennifer James
August 31st - Martha Lamey & Kelly Hantack

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.SignupLogin&urlid=10C0F4FA9A829A7FA7-child>
Use access code 1580 to log in.

NEW HOPE PRESENTS JR KINDERGARTEN

New Hope is now offering an extended week program for 4's and 5's on Tuesday and Thursday. Jr kindergarten will give kids the opportunity to have more exposure to the concepts that are pertinent to kindergarten entry as well as unique science, math and language experiences. The cost is only \$35/ full day and \$20/ morning. (Before and after school care will also be available.) Register right away. Space is limited. Please contact Stacy at 636-922-9900 or go to www.newhopepreschool.org for more information.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday during the summer at 10:30 am.

Next Sunday, August 31, we welcome the Rev. Kristine Aragon-Bruce back to our pulpit while Pastor James is on vacation. He will be returning to the office on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Lectionary for Sunday, August 31st, 2014

Exodus 3: 1-15
Psalm 105: 1-6
Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for all of your thoughts and prayers after receiving word of my mother, Viola Boyd's, passing. I would especially like to thank everyone who attended the memorial service and prepared food for the reception following. What a great family I have here at New Hope!
Sincerely,
Margaret Mortland & Family

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Teachers and leaders are needed for the 2014-2015 Christian Formation year which is scheduled to begin September 7th. Teachers work in teams, making it possible to be absent when necessary. Sunday School classes meet from 9:45-10:45 am each Sunday and KFC, Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on a regular basis. Teaching a Sunday School Class or leading a fellowship group are wonderful ways to live out the commitment that we make when we baptize an infant, youth or adult. Please take an information form from the Information Table if you would like to learn more!

DEACON PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual Deacon Picnic on Sunday, September 28th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. The Deacons are providing fried chicken for everyone, as well as fun and games! We welcome the entire congregation, as well as friends, but do ask that you RSVP to the church office at 636/936-2200 or lbrown@newhopepc.org or by completing an form on the Information Table. We also ask that each participant bring a dish according to the chart below:

Last Name begins with	Dish
A - G	Salad
H - M	Veggie or Side
N - Z	Dessert

PER CAPITA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the per capita apportionment. To date, we have received \$6,409.40 in per capita offerings. Our commitment to support the Presbytery for 2014 totals \$11,430.72. We have received 56% of the total amount of per capita. Per capita apportionment is \$30.20 per church member.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Nursery Class (for infants to age 3) meets in the Nursery/Turtle Room. The Preschool Class for ages 3, 4 and 5 continues to meet in the Butterfly Room. Elementary Age Class includes children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades in the Caterpillar Room, and the Youth Class for mid and senior highs convenes in the Senior High Room. The Contemporary Issues Class for adults will continue to meet during the summer months in the Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Barbi Smith at 636 936-2200.

MISSION, MINISTRY & EVANGELISM

SCHNUCKS COMMUNITY CARD

It's Easy!! Stop by any Schnucks store and pick up your Schnucks Community Card. This is something we have done at New Hope for several years. It is free, it really is easy and all you have to do is sign up, either (www.schnucks.com) or by phone (800-931-6258), link your card to New Hope Presbyterian Church, and show the card when you do your grocery shopping at Schnucks. We will get up to 3% of the purchase. This is just a simple way to help us earn a little extra money!

AUGUST MEAL-A-MONTH

1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Jubilee Circle needs help with childcare for their monthly meetings (Sept.-May). They meet only once a month for an hour the first Thursday of the month from 10-11am and would greatly appreciate your help in providing care for their little ones. There are two helpers each month and you don't need to commit to every month. This is an excellent way to get to know the mothers and little ones of New Hope and help provide an opportunity for mothers to study and fellowship together. Nancy Seals helped all last year and has committed to help us again this year. Please consider helping Nancy and the mothers of Jubilee Circle. Sign up sheet on the Welcome Table. For questions contact Jubilee Circle leader Jennifer James (jengjames@att.net)